

Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG) Science and Technology Board Meeting
August 13, 2001

1. The APG Science and Technology board convened at 1:00 P.M. on August 14, 2001.

2. Attendees at the meeting were:

Mr. Brian Simmons	U.S. Army Developmental Test Command (DTC)
COL. Mary Brown	U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center
Ms. Jane Krolewski	U.S. Army Materiel Analysis Activity (AMSAA)
Mr. Steve Kistner	U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventative Medicine (CHPPM)
Ms. Laura Haug	DTC
Dr. Robin Keese	U.S. Army Research Laboratory (ARL)
Mr. Warren Mullins	Northeastern Maryland Technology Council(NMTC)
Ms. Sue Sanderson	ATC
Ms. Denise Carnaggio	Office of Economic Development (OED)
Dr. Jim LaCalle	Harford Community College (HCC)
Mr. Michael Dette	U.S. Army Environmental Center (AEC)
Mr. Erik Hangeland	AEC
Dr. Jim LaCalle	Harford Community College (HCC)
Mr. Bill Rutherford	OED
Ms. Carolyn Bowers	Harford County Public Schools (HCPS)
Mr. Bob Gross	U.S. Army Soldier, Biological and Chemical Command (SBCCOM)
Ms. Katie McRoberts	U.S. Army Garrison Aberdeen (GAPG)
Mr. Blake Sajonia	Technology Resources Group (TRsG)
Mr. Roy Albert	TRsG

Ms. Jane Geveker-Mello	U.S. Army Ordnance Center and School (OCS)
Mr. Jack Martin	TRI-S
Mr. Stephen Clark	USADTC

3. Mr. Simmons opened the meeting at 1:00.

a. A short segment of the speech provided by Rep. Curt Weldon at the APG Technology Showcase was shown. This segment underscored the fact that Aberdeen Proving Ground has become part of the Congressman's lexicon when discussing defense issues. Mr. Simmons stated that the Showcase was a very successful event. Members of the Board reinforced that statement based upon newspaper articles, comments offered by the MD. Congressional delegation afterwards, and comments received by attendees.

b. Dr. LaCalle briefed Higher Education. John Hopkins University (JHU) will be offering courses in the Biotechnology and Engineering programs in the fall. Information sessions and registration will be at the HEAT Center Aug 21 (4-6 p.m.) for Biotechnology and Aug 22 (4-6 p.m.) for Engineering. To date, only one student has signed up for the Biotechnology course. JHU is willing to start with low numbers, but they need to have something to work with (5 or 6 people enough to carry a course). **Mr. Simmons called for help, particularly from the Edgewood Area, to get the word out. POC: ALL; Mr. Mullins will take action with industry to get the word out and encourage registration. POC: Mr. Mullins.**

The University of Phoenix has made a proposal to offer MBA with an option in Technology Management and Bachelor's degree in Information Technology. POC is the HEAT Center at (410) 638-2500.

c. Mr. Mullins briefed the NMTC report. The summer Solid Modeling CAD course saw 16 high school students from Cecil County and 11 students from Harford County attend. 3 college credit hours will be granted for attendance at this course.

d. Ms. Carnaggio briefed OED. The Harford County Executive sees the showcase paying off. A study to look at Technology corridor will be underway shortly. Examination will be made of the infrastructure issues facing the corridor. A prime question of this process is to determine

how to bring more technology industries to the area. An interim report is due on Dec 7, 2001; final report is due on Dec 14, 2001. APG personnel will be contacted during this study for information.

e. Mr. Sajonia briefed the BDO report. A Capabilities data base has been developed by the BDO staff, and was distributed to meeting attendees, and via email to all S&T Board members, for comment. Comments are requested not later than Sept 24 for posting on the APG S&T Board web site.

Mr. Sajonia provided an in-depth briefing as to the successes of the BDO during the past 3 months. Of particular interest is the amount of time that often elapses between an initial contact with a interested entity and discussions with entity that will/may result in actual business. 6 months to a 1-year lapse is not unusual.

Mr. Simmons reaffirmed the fact that the Showcase was a success; the big message is that we got the word out to the public that we have opened the gates. Mr. Simmons also asked that all activities make certain that the BDO knows of any business that comes in as a result of the showcase.

f. Mr. Simmons briefed proposed future APG events for APG. A suggestion to build an event to demonstrate the Army transformation as it applies to the entities on post was agreed to among the membership. The benefits of this event are many. APG should not rest with one showcase under its belt, APG needs to continue on to get the word out. Another goal is to attract the attention of the Army senior leadership. The MD congressional leadership will be interested as well as Rep Weldon. BRAC issues loom, although there is no threat identified at this time. As this is an important event, support is needed from all organizations. Next year is the window to hold this event. Expect substantial amount of workload and no sponsorship. Event length is two days; one day optimum. APG should seek 3 star level participation and high-level Pentagon participation. The proposed audience is top level plus the business side.

Volunteers should notify Mr. Clark who will set up meeting. POC: Mr. Clark. Planning committee meeting to be set up by mid Sept.

Mr. Simmons tasked the High technology sub-group to determine what mini showcase should be next. Environmental and Automotive are top choices. POC: Mr. Gross/Dr. Savage

g. Mr. Clark spoke about this year's experience in the Teacher Intern Program. Mr. Clark suggested that future interns should have the opportunity to move among the tenant activities to garner a wider view of APG. Ms. Bowers addressed the group speaking favorably of her experiences at APG. **Mr. Clark was tasked to draft a letter from the S&T board to the Harford County Public School (HCPS) system requesting all the teachers that they can send. Science and Technology teachers are of particular interest. Mr. Clark action.**

h. Mr. Simmons briefed BDO funding. The BDO must continue in operation. We must look for other ways to fund it. Tenant activities must find a way to fund for the forthcoming fiscal year. **POC: All member organizations.**

4. The meeting concluded at 2:45. The next S&T Board meeting is scheduled for Nov 15, 2001.

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